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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 295 By Walker

A RESOLUTION To recognize Mr. Roger Thackston and his family for contributions to the agricultural profession in Cumberland County.

WHEREAS, It is important that the members of this Legislative Body recognize those

Tennesseans who, through their personal and professional endeavors, have enhanced the lives

of countless others in the community; and

WHEREAS, Roger Thackston is one such esteemed individual who was recently recognized at the annual Cumberland County Friends of Farming Luncheon for his contributions to county agriculture; and

WHEREAS, In his introduction of Mr. Thackston, Lacy Upchurch of the Farm Bureau recalled serving on the committee that conducted a search and recruitment effort that lured Roger Thackston from Macon County to Cumberland County to become the local 4-H leader; and

WHEREAS, Since 1977, Mr. Thackston has risen to the position of Extension leader with full responsibility for the Extension Service office in Crossville; and

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WHEREAS, An award-winning columnist, Roger Thackston has been recognized for serving on nearly all of the agricultural committees in the county as well as being a multi-media expert; and

WHEREAS, As Mr. Upchurch said in his introduction, "Roger has been invaluable to the farmers of Cumberland County because of his dedication and leadership in production agriculture and his promotion of the importance of agriculture to this county"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thackston exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, A family man in every sense of the word, Roger Thackston is fortunate to share the love and support of his devoted wife, Linda; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Thackston has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers, fellow members of his community, and his many friends and family; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Roger Thackston for his commitment to the future of agriculture and for his dedicated service to his community, his family, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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